THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART
CLEVELAND 6. OHIO
TELEPHONE: GARFIELD 1-7340

FOR RELEASE to The Plain Dealer

Malcolm Martin, Superintendent of Grounds and Gardens at The Cleveland Museum of Art and Superintendent of The Fine Arts Garden died yesterday at University Hospitals.

Mr. Martin was born in Airdrie, Scotland in 1883 and came to The United States in 1923. Before leaving Scotland he trained for his life work at Markinch in Fife. In Britain he had charge of the gardens of Lord Novar, in Novar Evanton, Ross-shire and later those of Lesbury House, Lesbury, Northumberland. When he arrived in Cleveland he became estate superintendent for Mr. Harry Colby and Mr. Henry G. Dalton later coming to The Fine Arts Gardens.

Malcolm Martin had a major part in making The Fine Arts Gardens one of the most beautiful in the nation. He won many awards for his vegetables, flowers and potted plants in both Scotland and Cleveland. He was a master of the indoor culture of plants. But above all, he was a good grower which is the highest tribute to a gardener.

He had a rare dedication to his task, a profound belief in service to others. His greatest joy came from the beauty of nature and with his hands and mind he gave fully of that beauty to the thousands of visitors who thronged to the Museum and its surrounding gardens. He was a man of complete integrity and becoming modesty.

Mr. Martin was a Presbyterian and a Mason. He is survived by his wife Williamina and one son John Robertson of Sarasota, Florida and one daughter Mrs. Mary Melick, of Elmore, Ohio. The family residence is at 269 East 149th Street.

Services will be at the Wade Memorial Chapel, Lakeview Cemetery on Thursday at 2 p.m. The Dougherty-Boswell Jones Funeral Home, 13613 Euclid Avenue is in charge of arrangements. Visiting hours there are Wednesday 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

M.3.6.62